

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : CIA Management Committee

SUBJECT : Request for Approval of Contract

1. Action Required: Your approval is requested for TSD to increase the scope of a contractual agreement with Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park, California and expend additional funds in the amount of \$18,474.00. An amount of \$49,909.00 has already been approved for the basic contract which is 35 percent completed, and the new total will be \$68,383.00 of which \$49,909.00 is being provided by TSD and \$18,474.00 by DDS&T/ORD.

2. Basic Data or Background: It has long been claimed that certain gifted individuals have had the ability to perceive and produce physical effects by paranormal means. Recently, two individuals, Mr. Uri Geller and Mr. Ingo Swann, appear to have demonstrated certain of these abilities under controlled laboratory conditions. The abilities of these individuals (unwitting of Agency sponsorship) are being submitted to a serious scientific investigation, part of which is being supported by the above mentioned project. The goals of the current project are to achieve unequivocal scientific verification of the existence of these abilities. Should such verification be obtained, the nature of the phenomena will be investigated. ORD will undertake the long range task of understanding and measuring the phenomena with the goal of establishing a physical understanding or basis so that further exploitation may proceed in a systematic manner. TSD will simultaneously explore the limitations and properties of the phenomena attempting to establish cause-effect relationships which can lead to more immediate exploitations. Some of the results of this project are summarized in the attached technical memorandum. More complete and current information will gladly be furnished by [redacted] TSD/CB [redacted] or [redacted] ORD [redacted]

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3. Staff Position: This action has been approved by C/TSD. Even though the likelihood of success of this project cannot be accurately estimated, the uniqueness of these phenomena and the potential applications justifies our interest. Mr. Geller, for example, appears to have the ability to reproduce certain documents he has never seen which are sealed in double envelopes remote from his person. Verification of this ability and understanding its limitations could be of significance to the Agency in both offensive (covert operations) and defensive (security) applications.

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4. Recommendation: This project is worthy of the stated increase in scope and consideration for continuance. The investigation sponsored here distinguishes itself from past efforts in that well controlled laboratory tests are being completed on only the most gifted available subjects. This approach appears to be producing results and the results are as uncontrovertible as possible.

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Deputy Director for Operations

Attachment:  
Technical Memorandum

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